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SUBJECT: ECE - 28 TH PLENARY - ROUNDUP FIRST WEEK

1. FIRST WEEK 28 TH ECE PLENARY FINISHED IN CONTINUED SPIRIT OF EAST- WEST DETENTE WITH COMPLETE ABSENCE OF POLEMICAL DEBATE AND EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS PLENARIES. MANY DELEGATES SPOKE OF IMPROVED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WITHIN EUROPEAN REGION REFERRING TO CSCE BUT NOT SPECIFYING DETAILS OF ROLE ECE LIKELY TO PLAY IN POST CSCE PERIOD.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL DELS BOTH FROM WEST AND EAST (WITH EXCEPTION OF US) WELCOMED MEMBERSHIP OF GDR IN ECE.
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BRITISH AMBASSADOR GAVE PARTICULARLY WARM PERSONAL WELCOME TO GDR. GDR STATEMENTS IN PLENARY SO FAR HAVE BEEN MODERATE, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND TO THE POINT.

3. OPENING SOVIET SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR NESTERENKO INCLUDED FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO CSCE: " THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE ALL- EUROPEAN CONFERENCE WOULD OPEN UP NEW PROSPECTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECE, WOULD HELP TO MAKE IT CORRESPOND TO THE NEW CONDITIONS EMERGING IN EUROPE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WORK OF THIS SESSION AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF ITS AGENDA MIGHT HELP TO CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE FAVORABLE TO THE CONFERENCE." SOVIETS STATED DELEGATION HAS NO OBJECTION TO ELABORATION OF MAIN PRINCIPLES OF TRADE WITHIN ECE FRAMEWORK--" CODE OF CONDUCT" PROVIDED IT WOULD INVOLVE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES ADOPTED AT UNCTAD I. CAUTIONED AGAINST INTRUDING IN AREA OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. SOVIET TEXT MILDLY NEGATIVE RE MEETING ON PAYMENT AND FINANCING PROBLEMS BUT AMBASSADOR EXTEMPORANEOUSLY CRITICAL, AGAIN EMPHASIZING THIS IS BILATERAL MATTER.

4. AT USSR- US LUNCHEON SOVIET HOSTS SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF SOVIET- BLOC RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE PRESENTED IN LAST PLENARY AND SUGGESTED US- SOVIET TRADE EXPERTS MEET INFORMALLY TO CONSIDER ACCEPTABILITY OF THEIR RESOLUTION. US AGREED BUT CAUTIONED SOVIETS THAT WE AND REST OF WEST CONTINUE TO FIND THEIR RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE. SOVIETS STILL WANTED MEETING SO TWO EXPERTS FROM EACH SIDE SUBSEQUENTLY MET FOR 15 MINUTES. WE MENTIONED OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS AND DISCUSSED MFN QUESTIONS. SOVIETS WERE RELAXED AND DID NOT PRESS MATTER FURTHER.

5. AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS DELIVERED THREE MAJOR US STATEMENTS ON WORK PRIORITIES, TRADE AND US ECONOMY, CLOSELY FOLLOWING POSITION PAPERS. BOTH US AND SOVIET TRADE STATEMENTS GAVE DETAILED COVERAGE TO OUR SUCCESSES IN CONCLUDING BILATERALS.

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6. SESSION SO FAR CHARACTERIZED BY ABSENCE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BUT ALSO NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE ANY BREAK- THROUGHs. ONE OF MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUES SO FAR APPEARS TO BE EASTERN EUROPEAN RES ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ENGINEERING COMMITTEE. FINAL RESOLUTION OF ISSUE DEFERRED UNTIL SECOND WEEK. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS

HAVE PRESSED US DEL PRIVATELY TO REACH AN ACCEPTABLE
COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS GENERAL FEELING SOVIETS
IN LAST ANALYSIS NOT TOO CONCERNED IF ISSUE STALEMATED
FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THEREFORE, UNLIKELY THAT A COMMITTEE
WILL BE ESTABLISHED, BUT POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF CALL FOR
FURTHER AD HOC MEETING OR SEMINAR ON SPECIFIC TOPIC.
ANOTHER PROBLEM IS ROMANIAN INITIATIVE TO HOLD FORTHCOMING
PLENARY SESSION INBUCHAREST. ROMANIANS HAVE APPARENTLY
DROPPED IDEA OF A RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL
PROBABLY CONTENT THEMSELVES WITH COMMISSION' S TAKING
NOTE OF THEIR INVITATION AND RETURNING TO ISSUE NEXT
YEAR. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IS
NON- PRETENTIOUS WITH EXCEPTION OF YUGOSLAV INSISTENCE
ON KEEPING QUESTION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION CENTER
ALIVE. ITALIAN- YUGOSLAV DRAFT RES ON WORK OF THE COM-
MISSION STRESSING COORDINATION ASPECTS AND OMITTING
MENTION OF FIFTH PRIORITY IS SATISFACTORY TO US DEL.

7. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED DISCUSSION, IN MOST
CASES ROUTINE AND NON- CONTROVERSIAL, OF ITEMS ON AGRICUL-
TURE, TIMBER, COAL, GAS, ELECTRIC POWER, ENERGY PROBLEMS
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